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Dr. Lawrence Boerboom to Head CSR's Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group

The NIH Center for Scientific Review just named Dr. Lawrence Boerboom Chief of its [Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences](#) Integrated Review Group (IRG).



"Dr. Boerboom brings extensive experience and leadership skills to this key position," says Dr. Toni Scarpa CSR Director. "He has excelled as a project leader in academia, industry and at CSR."

Since 2004, Dr. Boerboom has been the Scientific Review Officer for the CSR study section that reviews cardiac- and vascular-related small business grant applications. In addition, he has served as the center's point person for the review of small business grant applications.

"Dr. Boerboom also has shown incredible dedication and skill in volunteering to coordinate reviews for two types of grant applications for federal stimulus funds," added Dr. Scarpa: Biomedical Research, Development, and Growth to Spur the Acceleration of New Technologies Pilot Program (RC3); and Small Business Catalyst Awards for Accelerating Innovative Research (R43).

Dr. Boerboom came to CSR from LifeCell Corporation in Branchburg, New Jersey, where he was director of research, leading a team focused on developing tissue-engineered medical devices. Prior to this, he had a 20-year career on the faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin, holding a primary appointment in cardiothoracic surgery, a secondary appointment in physiology and also serving as director of cardiovascular surgical research. His research focused on factors influencing myocardial blood flow, cardiac function and vascular bypass graft atherosclerosis. Dr. Boerboom earned his Ph.D. in physiology from the University of North Dakota.

The Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences IRG evaluates research applications that employ basic investigations, translational approaches and patient-oriented studies to focus on the development, physiology, and pathophysiology of the cardiac and pulmonary systems.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

About NIH

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treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.